GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3262
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PROTEST BY INDIANS IN FRANCE
RAM JEEVAN SINGH

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a)whether the Government is aware of the growing resentment and protests by the Sikh community in France over the proposed ban on wearing their religious headgear (Turban);

(b)if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard; and

(c)the steps proposed to be taken by the Union Government to take up the matter with the concerned French authorities?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) Yes.

(b)&(c) French Government has been sensitized to our concerns in this regard both in New Delhi and in Paris.Indian Embassy in Paris is also interacting with representatives of the Sikh community and the French Government with a view to resolving this issue.